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For Sale.

FOR SALE.
EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.



SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.

VOGEL & Co., Sole Agents for China. Hongkong, February 19, 1879. ap10

For Sale.

THE British Barque RIFLEMAN, Capt. Bishop, will be sold by Public Auction at SAIGON, on the 16th Instant.

ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, April 5, 1879. ap16

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be Closed for Public Business, on GOOD FRIDAY, the 11th, and EASTER MONDAY, the 14th Instant.

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NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Goods of WOO SINGA, Deceased.

" YUNG WOK, "

" DOO CHOI, "

NOTICE is hereby given, that in accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870, Section 3, an Order has been made by the Honorable Sir JOHN SMALE, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, limiting the time for CREDITORS and OTHERS to send in their CLAIMS against the above Estates to WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of April, 1879, on or before which date, all Claims must be proved, otherwise, they will not be included in the Scheme of Division.

All Persons indebted to the said Estates, are required to make immediate Payment to

O. B. PLUNKETT, Official Administrator.

Hongkong, April 7, 1879. ap14

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

AN EIGHTH RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAELS per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 3rd April, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th April.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificate for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 9th April, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

Shanghai, April 1, 1879. ap7

NOTICE.

F. H. U. T. C. H. I. N. G. S. begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply

B. E. E. F. M. U. T. T. O. N. & Co. from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving HONGKONG on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of October Dr. EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, Queen's ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

CALCUTTA SUN HATS and HELMETS in New Shapes.

CHRISTY'S SUMMER STRAW and FELT HATS.

ELWOOD'S EXTRA LIGHT PATENT AIR CHAMBER HELMETS.

FRENCH LIGHT SUMMER BOOTS & SHOES, CANVAS SHOES.

ELECTRO-PLATED ICE PAILS, ICE TONGS, ICE SHOVELS, ICE PITCHERS.

The New ELECTRO-PLATED READING LAMP for Kerosene, perfectly safe.

ELECTRO-PLATED CIGAR LAMPS, LAWN TENNIS BATS and BALLS.

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The New CHIT BOOKS. MAPS of AFGHANISTAN.

CAFETIERES, COCOA-NUT MATTING and MATS.

New SCARVES, BRACES and COLLARS.

The PATENT LIFE JACKETS and SWIMMING BELTS.

MEERSCHAUM and EBON PIPE. DE LA RUE'S and AMERICAN PLAYING CARDS.

The Celebrated HUNYADI JANOS MINERAL WATER.

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MAPS OF CHINA.

A Large COLLECTION OF WORKS ALBUMS.

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CLARETS, SAUTERNES and OTHER LIGHT SUMMER WINES.

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Hongkong, April 2, 1879.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract.

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,

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For further Particulars, apply to Messrs. SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. Z. Just, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 15th April, 1879, at 2 P.M., at his residence, Green Mount,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., Comprising:—

English-made Cretonne covered Drawing-Room Suite.

Black-wood Marble-top Centre Table, Side Tables, Tea-boys and Writing Table.

Carved Corner Whatnots, Card Table, Glass Book Case, Ningpo Inlaid Table, Chimney Glasses, Marble Clock, Engravings, Crystal Glassware and Gas-brackets, and Sofa Carpet.

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Bass-Bedstead, Double-winged Wardrobe with Plated-glass Door, Marble-top Toilet Table and Washstand, Wardrobes, Writing Desk, Copying Press, and one Chubb's Iron Safe.

1 Pheasant and a Mare, formerly belonging to C. M. Kerr, Esq.

SADDLERY,

do, do, do. Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 14th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 5, 1879. ap15

Notices to Consignees

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Moray having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, April 5, 1879. ap12

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Avondale Apear, Capt. MILNE, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 5, 1879. ap12

FROM LONDON, SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

THE Steamship Gally of Lorn having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 14th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents,

Hongkong, April 7, 1879. ap14

INTIMATIONS.

OCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date, Mr. H. M. BLANCHARD will ACT AS AGENT of the above Company.

G. B. EMORY,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 1, 1879. ap11

OCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Mr. A. M. Ross PEREIRA, is hereby authorized to SIGN BILLS OF LADING by the Company's Steamers.

H. M. BLANCHARD,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 1, 1879. ap11

Intimations.

NOTICE.

Estate of JAMES GYE, Medical Attendant at the Chinese Government Coal Mine, near Keling, Deceased.

CLAIMS against the above Estate should be lodged with the Undersigned not later than the 15th day of April, 1879.

A. FRATER,

H. B. M.'s Consulate,

Tamsui, 12th March, 1879. ap11

HONGKONG WHARF & GODDOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODDOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged along the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & CO.,

Proprietors,

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. ap14

Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 4.—Vol. VII.

OF THE

"CHINA REVIEW."

CONTAINS—

Notting from the Book of Rita. Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming.

The Ballads of the Shih-king. Translations of Chinese School-books.

The Critical Discussion of Wang Ch'ung, Appendix to Wylie's "Coins of the Ta-Ching Dynasty" "Hian Fung" Period.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries.—A Few Petty Additions to Dr. Douglas' Dictionary.

Trout in China.

Ancient Vases.

Inheritance.

Greeting the Spring.

Adoption.

The Term K'wan.

Mongol and Yuan-pao.

Leaschild Usage.

Chinese Coins.

Coronation of the King of Loochoo.

The Ouigur Alphabet.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,

Hongkong, March 21, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessel, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

JOHANN FRIEDRICH, German brig, Capt. A. H. KRONKE—Wieland & Co.

GOLDEN FLEECE, British barque, Capt. James Wilshire—Gilman & Co.

ONEIDA, British ship, Captain S. Clyma-Gibb, Livingston & Co.

URANUS, Norwegian barque, Captain L. E. E. Arnhold Karberg & Co.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. JESSON—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

CONSIGNERS of the following Cargo

are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 10, 1879.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANANIS."

Command. De la MARQUE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 10, 1879.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "SINDH."

Command. MONGE, will be despatched for SINGAPORE shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 10, 1879.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

Ex "Peiho."

A M E (in diamond) H L 3 (underneath) Nos. 3, Order, 1 case Cotton, from London.

V Mr. F. Vincenot, 26 bags Beans, A L from Saigon.

A Nos. 135/12, Asses, 8 cases Umbrellas, from Marseilles.

A A No. 100, Messrs. Melchers & Co., 1 case Merchandise, from Marseilles.

S P Order, 22 bags Stones, from Madras.

Hongkong, April 10, 1879. ap15

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 9, Tewi, British steamer, 1262, W. G. Nisbet, Hilo April 8, General ADAMSON, Bell & Co.

April 9, Mahazajah, British steamer, 894, Clark, Bangkok April 8, Rice—SHEMSEBN & Co.

April 10, Cosmo, French corvette, Dumon Keso, Nagasaki April 4.

April 10, Hailong, British steamer, 274, F. P. C. Goode, Taihantoo April 7, Amoy 9, S. S. Douglas La-FRAK & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 10, China, for Canton.

10, Dale, for Iloilo.

10, Hua Yuen, for Shanghai.

10, Koryozen, Frn. corv., for Chefoo.

10, H.M.S. Monach, for Hollow.

10, Ningpo, for Shanghai.

10, Coran, for Kobe.

10, Lota, for Chefoo.

CLEARED.

Wrecker, for Macao.

Churn, for San Francisco.

Corri Wymen, for Singapore.

Uranus, for Bangkok.

Mertonshire, for Yokohama.

ARRIVED.

Per Tewi, from Hilo, Mr. and Mrs. Sjamsen and family.

Second do. 50 Cents.

Third do. 25 "

Tickets can be obtained at the OFFICES' MISS. SERGEANT'S MESSES, and CANTREY SERGEANTS, R.A., and 27th INFANTRY LINES, and at the DOORS on the Nights of Performance.

PUNKARS.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."

Hongkong, April 10, 1879. ap17

TO LET.

(WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.)

NO. 2, WESTBOURNE VILLAS, recently occupied by Mr. DANEY.

Gas and Water laid on.

Apply to LINSTEAD & CO.

Hongkong, April 10, 1879. ap11</

arranged to give them a holiday on Monday instead, on which day there will be no issue of the *China Mail*.

In our report of the loss of the Swedish barque *Copella* we stated that the cargo was insured in Messrs. Russell & Co's Office. We should have been more accurate had we named the Yangtze Insurance Association; while the risk held by that office is, we understand, only a small one upon the freight.

An Inquest was held this afternoon at the Gaol, on the body of a 1p. 6d. a prisoner, aged 48, who was undergoing a sentence of three months' hard labour for larceny. The evidence went to show that death resulted from a fit of apoplexy and paralysis. The Jury, comprising Messrs. J. Robinson, C. Seimund, and A. F. de J. Soares, returned a verdict of "death from natural causes."

There seems to be some fatality attending the mail steamers from Yokohama. The *Alaska* which should have been here to-day, at the latest, judging from her San Francisco date, has not yet been telegraphed as having even left Yokohama. The *China*, with the Japan mail for the home-going steamer, was expected yesterday, and has not arrived at the hour of our going to press to-day.

In view of the large extent to which building operations are being carried on here at present, coolies willing to work should have no difficulty in obtaining an honest livelihood; and those who resort to robbery should be the more severely dealt with as they have no excuse on the ground of temptation through hunger or want. The Praya works alone find employment for hundreds of labourers.

WHILE the miserable farce has so long continued here of a detective force deprived of every iota of its usefulness or power to act, it is pleasant to notice that the authorities of other places have not so completely lost their common sense as our own authorities did. We read that a special Detective Department of the Calcutta Police has been formed, under the separate charge of the Deputy Superintendent, and not in any way under the thanas superintendents.

STRANGERS arriving here, and even residents, are often imposed upon by boatmen, and chair-polices, who demand considerably more than their legal fare. It is the duty of the Government to prevent this if possible. Apart from the extortion, the annoyance to which people are subjected if they do not accede to the demands of their tormentors, is in itself a crying evil. We have more than once called attention to this matter; and we would now suggest as a remedy, that every chair-bearer should be required to exhibit a scale of fares on the side of his chair, so that it can be seen at a glance. The present method of carrying a board has been found almost useless, as it is never produced unless specially asked for. Passengers should also be advised to note the time when they engage a chair. The same system should be applied to boats, a scale of fares being hung in a prominent position. Any infringement of this rule should be punished by fine. Boats and chairs plying for hire should also be kept clean, and breach of this regulation should subject the offending party to the forfeiture of his license.

SUPREME COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice.)

April 10, 1879.

In the matter of W. C. H. VON PUSTAU, a bankrupt.

An adjourned public sitting was held to-day for the said bankrupt to pass his last examination and make application for his discharge.

Mr. Johnson (of Messrs. Sharp, Toller and Johnson) appeared for the bankrupt; and Mr. Wotton, from Mr. Breton's office, for the official assignee, opposed.

Mr. Johnson reminded the Court that this case was last before it on the 3rd April, when His Lordship continued protection to the bankrupt, with leave to him to apply to the Court for an allowance from the estate to allow him to go to Hamburg.

His Lordship—Have the creditors anything further to add to their statement of last week?

Mr. Johnson—No, my Lord.

His Lordship—Then I have nothing further to say on the subject. The creditors have caused a great miscarriage of justice in this case by not choosing an official assignee, and—

Mr. Wotton—I do not know, my Lord, if the creditors are to blame for this after all. Even had they chosen an assignee, there was no one willing to act.

His Lordship—Then the less is done the better; for this Court is not to act for people who shirk the duty and responsibility of looking after their own interests.

Mr. Wotton—I do not see that they are to be blamed, my Lord. No one is willing to act as creditors' assignee.

His Lordship—They may appoint a man to do it, if they like.

Mr. Wotton—Yes that might be done.

His Lordship—Then, I will give them an opportunity to set right this miscarriage, by appointing a creditors' assignee, and to relieve the official assignee, who is placed in a most unfortunate position.

This is not an ordinary bankruptcy. It is an extraordinary case, in many ways, requiring a man of great commercial knowledge, special German knowledge, and having a great deal of other information which no Englishman here has, and an amount of accountant knowledge which no official of this Court can be expected to have. I find, although it was long held that it could not be done, that I have the power to appoint a meeting of creditors to choose a creditors' assignee; and on the ground that there has been a grave miscarriage, I will appoint such a meeting if the official assignee asks it; if he does not, I shall do nothing in the matter.

Mr. Wotton—Having considered the advisability of having somebody appointed, who can be paid his fees out of the estate, I shall now adopt your Lordship's suggestion, and ask, on behalf of the official assignee, that a meeting be held of the creditors to consider the advisability of—

The Chief Justice—To choose an assignee. I must have the words of the ordinance. Of course it will be optional for the creditors to swear to an affidavit in the prescribed form, the creditors are not to blame for that?

His Lordship—Then who or what is to blame for it?

Mr. Wotton—The state of the law.

The Chief Justice—The law very properly says that people are not to come here and swear to anything they don't know. Perhaps it is too strongly put, especially for a case of this kind here, but that is the law.

As to the question before us I shall make an order, on the petition of the official assignee, when I have before me the signatures of the creditors. This money was actually the money of Theodore Pustau but for this bankruptcy. Then, in the matter of the bankruptcy of W. C. H. V. von Pustau, for final examination, a meeting is appointed to be held on Monday, the 28th April for the choice of a creditors' assignee, and protection is granted the bankrupt until the 30th inst. At the same time I strongly recommend the creditors to reconsider the creditors' assignee. I have no interest, one way or other, opposed to them. I have no interest for Mr. Pustau. But I have a great interest in seeing that justice is done, and the law on the subject adhered to.

Mr. Wotton—The creditors offer no opposition to your Lordship's suggestion; they do not oppose the bankrupt being allowed to go to Hamburg, but they do not see their way to requesting it, and paying for it, as the Court has stated that it is required before any order will be made.

His Lordship—Then we must split the straw. He cannot go, unless they request it. As to the cost, they incur no responsibility.

Mr. Wotton—That is frequently the case. There are many other men in Hongkong who cannot leave the Colony and go home, simply because they have been unfortunate and have not the means.

His Lordship—But he wants to go to Hamburg in the interests of the creditors.

Mr. Wotton—The creditors are not satisfied that, in their interest, there is any necessity for his going to Hamburg.

His Lordship—The Attorney General said last week that the creditors were satisfied.

Mr. Wotton—I don't think he went so far.

He said that, by having been considered desirable that he should go, the creditors, out of deference to Your Lordship's suggestion, would not oppose his going.

The Chief Justice—I do not refer to what he read from the paper, but what he said in the ensuing discussion or conversation. He said the creditors considered it would be an advantage.

Mr. Wotton—I certainly did not so understand him.

The Chief Justice—I certainly did.

[The Clerk's record was consulted, but he had no notes of the conversation or discussion. The Judge had no notes, and suggested that the point was not a material one.]

His Lordship—I shall appoint this meeting, and then we can shift the responsibility, and that will be something done. If it is not shifted, under the clear understanding of the Bankruptcy Law, on to the creditors, then this Court will be clearly exonerated from the responsibility of doing nothing. If the creditors will not take their share of the responsibility in anything that is to be done, clearly enough things will come to a stand-still. If you will come to me in Chambers, Mr. Plunkett, I shall have a special notice drawn out for this meeting of creditors in a proper form. I must add that, in the present state of things, I cannot authorise the official assignee to incur any expenses whatever.

Mr. Wotton—In this case, my Lord, there was a petition handed in, praying for authority to the official assignee to compromise the claims of Mr. Theodore Pustau, I now present that petition on behalf of the official assignee. He is anxious to compromise the claim, and Mr. Theodore Pustau is anxious to have the matter cleared up, as he finds his present doubtful position injurious to his business.

His Lordship—Whose money was this?

Mr. Wotton—We claimed it as money belonging to the estate, wrongfully paid to Mr. Theodore Pustau.

The Chief Justice—Do the creditors concur in this application?

Mr. Wotton—They do.

The Chief Justice—Then let them all sign it.

Mr. Wotton—Perhaps it had better stand over till the appointment of a creditors' assignee.

His Lordship—You say the creditors concur in it.

Mr. Wotton—Certainly, the creditors who have proved concurred in it.

His Lordship—Then, if they are anxious for this compromise to be effected, let them say so; let them sign this, and it can be done. You speak, Mr. Wotton, of the creditors who have proved. That reminds me that we shall have to see before next meeting what proof, if any, we have before us.

Mr. Wotton—There was some point as to the usual form of the Court not being complied with.

His Lordship—Precisely so. I have looked over these proofs, so-called; and I am at present advised, there is not one of them valid.

Mr. Wotton—Has your Lordship seen Mr. Andes?

His Lordship—Yes, I have. (Of course he has caused a great miscarriage of justice in this case by not choosing an official assignee, and—

Mr. Wotton—I do not know, my Lord, if the creditors are to blame for this after all. Even had they chosen an assignee, there was no one willing to act.

His Lordship—Then the less is done the better; for this Court is not to act for people who shirk the duty and responsibility of looking after their own interests.

Mr. Wotton—I do not see that they are to be blamed, my Lord. No one is willing to act as creditors' assignee.

His Lordship—They may appoint a man to do it, if they like.

Mr. Wotton—Yes that might be done.

His Lordship—Then, I will give them an opportunity to set right this miscarriage, by appointing a creditors' assignee, and to relieve the official assignee, who is placed in a most unfortunate position.

This affidavit is invalid unless there is that addition?

Mr. Wotton—No, my Lord. The Chief Justice—You must admit that, at least I so read it. In point of fact, I don't see how you can prove at all, how you can make an affidavit that to your personal knowledge the debt was incurred. That, more than anything else, should show how futile is the attempt to proceed in this Court. How many of those who have proved debts can make affidavit that they have personal knowledge that the debt was incurred? I do not believe any one of the proofs of creditors is valid. I do not say they are all invalid simply through that omission. Each loses its validity from reasons of its own.

Mr. Wotton—With regard to this affidavit to swear to an affidavit in the prescribed form, the creditors are not to blame for that?

His Lordship—Then who or what is to blame for it?

Mr. Wotton—The state of the law.

The Chief Justice—The law very properly says that people are not to come here and swear to anything they don't know. Perhaps it is too strongly put, especially for a case of this kind here, but that is the law.

As to the question before us I shall make an order, on the petition of the official assignee, when I have before me the signatures of the creditors. This money was actually the money of Theodore Pustau but for this bankruptcy. Then, in the matter of the bankruptcy of W. C. H. V. von Pustau, for final examination, a meeting is appointed to be held on Monday, the 28th April for the choice of a creditors' assignee, and protection is granted the bankrupt until the 30th inst. At the same time I strongly recommend the creditors to reconsider the creditors' assignee. I have no interest, one way or other, opposed to them. I have no interest for Mr. Pustau. But I have a great interest in seeing that justice is done, and the law on the subject adhered to.

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The Chief Justice—Everybody seems to be completely at sea. It is a regular "Comedy of Errors." And this sort of thing to happen among the most acute commercial men of the colony, as these or some of them are, I really cannot understand it.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 21, 1879.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, April 7, 1879.

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H. M. BLANCHARD,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 1, 1879.

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Hongkong, February 19, 1879.

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Hongkong, March 20, 1879.

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